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## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2006. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the allowance of claims 2, 3, 5, 9 and 16, 17 and 19-25.

By the present amendment, the rejected claim 18 has been canceled, without prejudice to the applicants right to proceed with the filing of a Continuation Application directed to the subject matter of the canceled claim 18, or other claims. In light of the cancellation of claim 18, which is the only rejected claim in the application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus,

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LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 500.40562X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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